

## Morton Says U. S. Pushed Ransom Deal

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(AP)—Sen. Thaddeus B. Morton (R-Ky.) today criticized the Government's role in the ransom of invasion prisoners from Castro's Cuba.

Morton said examples of Government intervention in the ransom were:

- An Internal Revenue Service announcement that contributions of materials to the fund could be deducted from taxes due at the selling price rather than at the cost of the materials.

- That Attorney General Robert Kennedy had contacted "a company with an antitrust suit pending against it" and suggested "they contribute to the ransom fund..."

- That a member of the investigating committee of Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) suggested "that a drug company make donations to this fund..."

When these things happened, Morton told a civic club luncheon, it became apparent that the Government was connected with the ransom and that it was not exclusively a private venture.

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